

HOUSE RESOLUTION 43

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mary Ellen Shaver, on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Whitesburg Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Shaver is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a Career Ladder III Teacher, Ms. Shaver has recently been selected Teacher of the Year by Whitesburg Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Shaver received both her Bachelor's Degree and her Master's Degree from the University of Tennessee; she has accrued an additional forty-five hours of graduate study beyond her Master's program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shaver has served with acumen and alacrity as a first grade teacher for twenty-four exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Shaver is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, formerly, Ms. Shaver was an elementary school teacher in the Cocke County District and taught adult education classes at Cocke County High School; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Shaver was named Teacher of the Year at Cosby School and Outstanding Teacher of the Year at Northwest Elementary School; she is also an active member of the Whitesburg Ruritan Club, one of the school's Partners in Education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shaver truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Shaver truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mary Ellen Shaver on being chosen Teacher of the Year at Whitesburg Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.